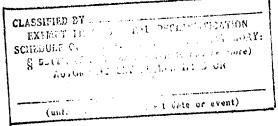
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25X1	l. Calked with Wally Johnson, on the staff of the White House, to review developments concerning the Ervin bill amendment to the Civil Rights Commission bill. I advised Johnson that Mr. Maury had been in touch with Representative Richard Poff (R., Va.) and other members of the Judiciary Committee as well as with members of the Judiciary and Post Office and Civil Service Committee staffs. I said that as far as we could tell the situation was still murky regarding action to be taken. I said we understood the Civil Service Commission had written a letter to Chairman Celler but we had not as yet seen a copy. I added that Mr. Poff was going to try to speak with Chairman Celler on our behalf and we might subsequently contact Celler directly. Johnson had no information to contribute except to say that he thought it was unlikely that anything would move on this legislation before Congress recesses for the Republican Convention.
25X1	Talked to Ray Jacobson, Civil Service Commission, who said Chairman Bob Hampton had written Chairman Celler, Judiciary Committee, saying the "Ervin bill" rider to the House Civil Rights bill created "serious problems" and recommending its complete deletion. Jacobson is sending us a copy of Hampton's letter. He suggested we talk to Ken Stallo, Director of Personnel for Justice, and Lou Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice, who CSC has talked with on this problem and who plan to get in touch with Celler.
25X1	Talked to Herb Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, regarding the Ervin bill rider and he felt it might be premature for me to see Chairman Celler at this time.
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4. (Confidential - JMM) Representative Dick Poff (R., Va.) called regarding the Ervin bill matter and I asked his advice about abroaching Chairman Celler, Judiciary Committee, directly. Poff said he would raise the matter with Celler and let me know the results.

Poff later called to say that he had talked with Celler and concluded that from the Agency's standpoint it would be best for us to oppose the Ervin bill rider as a whole, rather then seek a specific exemption for the Agency. I mentioned Chief Justice Burger's statement quoted in today's press about how the judicial system was overloaded. I said this would seem a good argument against the additional burdens which the Ervin bill would impose. Poff fully agreed. Poff thought our next step might be a letter from the Director to Chairman Celler saying that the Ervin bill rider raised certain problems for the Agency and we would welcome an opportunity for an Agency representative to explain our situation to the Chairman at his convenience. 25X1 Poff thought there was no great urgency about the matter.

- 5. (Confidential JMM) Accompanied Harold Brownman, and Colonel Norbert Walecka, of DOD, who briefed Messrs.

 Bill Woodruff and Ralph Preston, Senate and House Appropriations Committees staff, on a sensitive Agency project. See Memorandum for the Record.
- 6. (Confidential JMM) Discussed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, the possibility of the Director meeting with Senator McClellan regarding a number of sensitive projects about which the Senator had expressed to Woodruff some concern. Woodruff said he thought there was no hurry about this but we should expect the Senator to bring them up when he has a formal Agency briefing which he hopes to have soon after Labor Day.
- 7. (Confidential JMM) Discussed with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, the problem of Dr. Hall's report to the Committee on tactical intelligence. Preston said they had completed markup of the Defense Appropriations bill so the issue was dormant for the rest of this year. However, he said the Committee had not forgotten their displeasure with the way the matter was handled and would undoubtedly bring it up next year.

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